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3 Secretary Carlucci: 1977 to about 1990, end of 1990.

4 Senator Helms: Well, that was the period including the
5 most intensive negotiations for SALT II, is that not
6 correct?

7 Secretary Carlucci: The negotiations for SALT II were
8 going on then, yes sir.

9 Senator Helms: Now then, President Reagan has declared
10 that the SS-25 is a second J type of ICBM forbidden by the
11 constraints of SALT II. And I might mention parenthetically
12 that both the Soviet Union and the United States say that we
13 are going to abide by SALT II, right? Even though it was not
14 ratified?

15 Secretary Carlucci: Well no. As a result of the Soviet
16 violations, we have indicated that we did not feel obliged to
17 remain under the constraints of SALT II. The Congress has
18 pulled us back to some of the constraints of SALT II.

19 Senator Helms: Well that is a small point. But
20 initially, both the Soviet Union and the United States --

21 Secretary Carlucci: Initially, yes.

22 Senator Helms: That is what I was saying. Now, we now
23 know to our dismay, that the Soviets were developing the
24 SS-25 at the very moment that SALT II was being negotiated.
25 Both sides declared that they would continue to abide by the

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1 You do not remember why the CIA missed that one either.
2 do you?

3 Secretary Carlucci: I am not prepared, Senator Helms at
4 this hearing to admit that the CIA missed the development of
5 either of these weapons systems. But I would prefer to
6 submit something for the record. You have asked me to go
7 back ten years in my memory and tell you at what precise
8 point in time the CIA may have predicted the development of
9 the 24 and 25, and I just can not remember that.

10 [The information follows:]

11 [COMMITTEE INSERT]

1 Senator Helms: All right then, let's go on to the SS-25
2 the so-called super heavy type ICBM. It too is a violation
3 of SALT II, which the Soviet Union and the United States said
4 we are going to abide by even though it is not ratified. Yet
5 we now know that it was being developed during the
6 negotiations for SALT II.

7 Now then, President Reagan has declared that the SS-25 is
8 a violation of SALT II, even though it is banned by name from
9 development and production and deployment. Yet the Soviets
10 have gone ahead and deployed that.

11 Now I am asking these questions because there is the
12 implicit message from you and others, do not worry about
13 this, we have got verification by the tail, and the fact is,
14 you do not.

15 During the negotiations for SALT II, the CIA predicted
16 that the Soviets would deploy 3,000 nuclear warheads in the
17 period 1979 through 1985. But we now know that the Soviets
18 actually deployed 8,000 nuclear warheads.

19 Secretary Carlucci: Senator Helms, I once again would
20 like to submit something for the record. But I do not recall
21 the CIA indicating that the figure would be as low as that.
22 In fact, I recall the CIA indicating the figure could be
23 substantially in excess of that. But once again, I am
24 speaking from memory. I had not anticipated these kinds of
25 questions.

1 [The information follows:]

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